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TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE  
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AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE  
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AMCONSUL NAPLES IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY WARSAW PRIORITY  
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TAGS: OREP: (BIDEN, JOSEPH)

SUBJECT: CODEL BIDEN

REF: STATE 165455 (NOTAL)

1. SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN (D-DEL), CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, PLANS VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS IN AUGUST. MR. JOHN RITCH, STAFF CHIEF OF SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL JOIN CODEL BIDEN IN BUDAPEST FOR REMAINDER OF ITINERARY.

2. CODEL BIDEN NOT REPEAT NOT TRAVELLING TO POLAND AND USSR. CODEL APOLOGIZES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED FOR POSTS AND HOPES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THESE COUNTRIES LATER THIS YEAR WHEN MORE TIME AVAILABLE.

3. SENATOR AND MRS. BIDEN WILL ARRIVE NAPLES AUGUST 6 WITH EILBERG DELEGATION ON SAM AIRCRAFT, AND WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN NAPLES. THEY WILL DEPART NAPLES MORNING AUGUST 7 FOR ROME BY CAR, ARRIVING ROME SAME EVENING. WILL OVERNIGHT ROME AUGUST 7, AND DEPART AUGUST 8 AT 1940 VIA HUNGARIAN AIRLINES (MALEV-401) FOR BUDAPEST. REQUEST

ONE ADDITIONAL DOUBLE ROOM NIGHT OF AUGUST 6 AT EXCELSIOR HOTEL IN NAPLES, WHERE EILBERG DELEGATION WILL BE STAYING, AND SELF-DRIVE RENTAL CAR TO MEET AT HOTEL MORNING AUGUST 7. IN ROME, REQUEST ONE DOUBLE AT FIRST-CLASS, MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL NEAR EMBASSY. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY ROME RESERVE AND PURCHASE AIRLINE TICKETS ON HUNGARIAN FLIGHT FOR CODEL. SENATOR WILL REIMBURSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY FOR WIFE'S TICKET. PLEASE CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT AND BUDAPEST.

4. SENATOR AND MRS. BIDEN ARRIVING BUDAPEST AUGUST 8 AT 2115 VIA MALEV-401 FROM ROME. (EMBASSY ROME TO CONFIRM.) ARRIVAL OF MR. RITCH NOT YET CONFIRMED. REQUEST ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE AT HOTEL GELLERT AUGUST 8 THROUGH AUGUST 12, AND SELF-DRIVE RENTAL VEHICLE TO MEET AT HOTEL MORNING OF AUGUST 13. REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR RENTAL CAR FROM BUDAPEST TO VIENNA AND PRAGUE, WHERE CAR WILL BE LEFT; OR FOR SEPARATE RENTAL CARS BUDAPEST TO VIENNA, AND IN VIENNA TO PRAGUE, AND ADVISE POSTS APPROPRIATELY. REQUEST ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE IN VIENNA NIGHTS OF AUGUST 13 AND 14, AND IN PRAGUE AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, WHERE EILBERG DELEGATION WILL BE STAYING, NIGHTS OF AUGUST 15 THROUGH AUGUST 18.

5. ON AUGUST 19, SENATOR AND MRS. BIDEN WILL DEPART PRAGUE WITH EILBERG DELEGATION FOR LONDON. MR. RITCH WILL FLY COMMERCIALY TO LONDON (DEPARTURE NOT YET CONFIRMED). REQUEST ONE ADDITIONAL DOUBLE AND SINGLE AT HOTEL BRITANNIA NIGHTS OF AUGUST 19 AND 20. BIDENS

WILL DEPART WITH CODEL EILBERG ON SAM AIRCRAFT AUGUST 21.  
MR. RITCH WILL DEPART FOR U.S. VIA COMMERCIAL FLIGHT  
(YET TO BE CONFIRMED) SAME DAY.

6. CODEL WISHES TO EXAMINE AND CONTRAST CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
AND HUNGARY AS DIFFERING MODELS OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER  
SOVIET DOMINATION. SPECIFICALLY, CODEL WILL WISH TO  
DISCUSS FOLLOWING TOPICS WITH EMBASSIES, AND AS  
APPLICABLE, WITH USMBFR: (A) WHITHER THE JACKSON  
AMENDMENT; (B) OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED CULTURAL AND  
EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES PER BASKET III OF FINAL ACT OF  
CSCE; (C) POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF  
BASKET III IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY; (D) AUDIENCE  
FOR AND INFLUENCE OF RFE; AND (E) STRENGTH AND POLITICAL  
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SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET FORCES IN TWO COUNTRIES AS WELL  
AS PROSPECTS FOR THEIR REDUCTION AS RESULT OF MBFR  
NEGOTIATION. CODEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONTACTS WITH  
MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL FIGURES, NOT NECESSARILY  
HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICIALS.

7. FOR ROME: CODEL WISHES TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR  
GARDNER MORNING OF AUGUST 8 TO DISCUSS EUROCOMMUNISM.  
ADDITIONAL CONTACT IN EMBASSY WILL BE ARRANGED BY SEPTTEL.

8. FOR BUDAPEST: CODEL WISHES APPROPRIATE COMBINATION  
OF EMBASSY BRIEFINGS AND MEETINGS WITH HUNGARIANS AS SET  
UP BY EMBASSY AND MR. TOM LANTOS. CODEL WOULD ALSO WISH  
OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH BUDAPEST AND  
HUNGARIAN CULTURAL SCENE.

9. FOR VIENNA AND MBFR VIENNA: IF FEASIBLE, CODEL  
WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEFING ON CURRENT STATUS OF MBFR  
NEGOTIATIONS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO IMPACT ON  
SOVIET FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY. CODEL  
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SHORT COUNTRY BRIEFING, INCLUDING  
AUSTRIAN PERSPECTIVE OF TWO MODEL COUNTRIES.

10. FOR PRAGUE: CODEL WISHES MIX OF EMBASSY BRIEFINGS  
AND CONTACTS WITH CZECHS SIMILAR TO THAT REQUESTED IN  
BUDAPEST, WITH COMPARABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN CITY  
AND GAIN SOME APPRECIATION OF CZECH CULTURE.

11. AUTHORIZATION: PROVISIONS OF CA-10315 DTD  
10/16/72 APPLY. USE OF TREASURY ACCOUNT 20A1510 OR  
LOCAL CURRENCIES 19FT510 ACCOUNT WHERE AVAILABLE UP  
TO EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION  
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